

City of Rockville  
Boards and Commissions  
Application of Expression of Interest

Date: 01/20/10

Board/Commission Interested In: PLANNING COMMISSION

Name: DION SANTANA TRAHAN

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Note: Work phone numbers are for staff use only.

Summary of Work Experience: WAS A Lt. in the Louisiana National Guard. Am  
AN ATTORNEY. WORK ON A COMMITTEE ON CAPITOL HILL AS A PROFESSIONAL  
STAFF MEMBER & COUNSEL.

Experience: PLEASE SEE ATTACHED RESUME.

Education/Training: B.A. Political Science, THE MILITARY COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
(THE CITADEL); J.D. (B.C.L., PAUL M. HEBERT LAW CENTER (LSU LAW));  
LL.M. Civil Rights & Constitutional Law, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW.

Volunteer Activities: SERVE AS SECRETARY OF MY HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION  
AT LEGACY AT LINCOLN PARK.

Professional Affiliations/Memberships: LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, THE  
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS, VETERANS OF  
FOREIGN WARS (VFW).

Please describe your interest in serving on this Board/Commission I bring a tireless work  
ethic, A VERY ANALYTICAL MIND, & PROVEN LEADERSHIP. I WANT TO BE INVOLVED  
IN MY COMMUNITY & GIVE BACK TO THE CITY THAT GIVES MY WIFE & ME SO MUCH.

Please indicate here ☒ yes or ☐ no whether or not the City may give elected officials who serve Rockville (other than the Mayor and Council) your name and address. This information would not be used for any fund-raising, "issues" mailings or campaign mailings. No phone numbers will be given.

Please Return Form and Resume, if available, to: Mayor and Council  
c/o City Clerk's Office  
111 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850  
240-314-8280

# DION SANTANA TRAHAN

## EXPERIENCE

January 2007-Present U.S. House Veterans' Affairs Committee Washington, D.C.

*Professional Staff Member & Counsel, Oversight & Investigations Subcommittee*

- Responsible for the Subcommittee's investigations, legislative agenda, tracking legislation, policy memoranda, and drafting legislation
- Participated in Oversight, and Legislative Hearings; Sub and Full Committee Markups
- Responsible for oversight on IT and Inspector General's line item in the Department of Veterans Affairs' budget
- Supervised Subcommittee's Legislative Assistant
- Staffed meetings with Veteran Service Organizations to discuss legislative priorities in the veteran community

January 2007 Majority Whip Washington, D.C.  
*Fellow*

- Member of the Majority Whip's transition team
- Assisted in establishing structural organization of the Majority Whip's office, assisted Majority Whip's Chief of Staff in daily operations

September 2006-January 2007 House Democratic Caucus Washington, D.C.  
*Policy Fellow*

- Researched and assisted with drafting of legislation
- Created weekly packets of key issues for Members of Congress
- Researched law enforcement issue that was debated on House floor

December 2005-May 2005 Benton, Benton, & Benton Baton Rouge, LA  
*Law Clerk/ Assistant*

- Legal clerk for municipal bond attorney

February 2005-August 2005 Paul M. Hebert Law Center LSU Law Baton Rouge, LA  
*Student Research Assistant*

- Research assistant for paper that is published in John Marshall's Law Review winter 2005 edition

May 2004- November 2004 Operation Iraqi Freedom III Ft. Hood, TX/ Kuwait  
*Armor Tank Platoon Commander*

- Prepared, trained and mobilized soldiers for combat tour in Middle East
- Received an Honorable Discharge from active duty
- Accountable for 15 soldiers and four M1A1 Abrams each valued at \$2.8 million

August 1999- December 1999 Congressman James E. Clyburn Washington, D.C.  
*Intern-Washington Semester Program*

- Conducted daily briefs of news and committee activities
- Served as liaison between CBC & National Hispanic Caucus
- Constituent correspondence, research, and attended Committee Hearings

## EDUCATION

LL.M. American University LAW Washington, D.C.

August 2006-May 2007

- LL. M. in Law and Government, specialization Constitutional Law & Civil Rights

J.D. & Bachelor of Civil Law Louisiana State University LAW Baton Rouge, LA

August 2002- May 2006

- Studies interrupted due to mobilization of Operation Iraqi Freedom.III

Bachelor of Arts	The Citadel	Charleston, SC
<i>August 1998- May 2002</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attended the Honor's College and graduated with GPA of 3.429</li> <li>▪ President of Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor's society</li> </ul>		

Advanced College Prep Diploma	Fork Union Military Academy	Fork Union, VA
<i>August 1994- May 1998</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Graduated salutatorian with GPA of 4.25</li> </ul>		

BAR ADMISSIONS

2006	Louisiana State Bar	New Orleans, LA
2007	U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims	Washington, D.C.

LANGUAGES

- Proficient in speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish
- Fluent in Portuguese

CLEARANCE

- Current TOP SECRET clearance